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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/646,685	KELLY ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Brian J. Broadhead	3661

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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 January 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 25 August 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, “the providing the first message from the proxy logic element to a second module over a second data link interface by the proxy logic element” of claim 3 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 3, 4, and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The limitation “the providing the first message from the proxy logic element to a second module over a second data link interface by the proxy logic element” is not described in a clear way. There is no discussion of why this is done. It is not understood why the first message is sent to a second module if the proxy logic is supposed to be performing the function on the first message. Is the second module the same as the destination module that the proxy logic performs functions in place of? Does “functions associated with the destination module” simply mean the proxy logic directs messages to the destination module?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1 through 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Pruzan et al., 6728603.

6. As per claims 1- 4, 7-13, 15-17, 19, 20, and 22-29, Pruzan et al. disclose detecting a first message sent by a source module on a first data link, wherein the first message is directed to a destination module and includes an address identifier corresponding to the destination module, retrieving the first message and extracting the destination address identifier from the message on lines 10-15, on column 8; routing, based on the destination address and an address map, the first message to a proxy logic element that performs function associated with the destination module on lines 1-22, on column 9, the address map isn't explicitly disclosed but it is inherent since the gateway knows what messaged go where; detecting a first message sent by a source module on a proprietary data link on lines 10-15, on column 8, and lines 41-42, on column 4; providing the first message from the proxy logic element to a second module over a second data link interfaced by the proxy logic element on lines 45-66, on column 3; receiving a second message responsive to the first message from the second message via the second data link on lines 36-48, on column 6; and routing the second message to the first module over the first data link via second module the address map on lines 10-26, on column 9; the nodes include at least one of either an on-board module and an off-board system in figure 1; the second data link is a non-proprietary standard data link including one of the types in the claim on lines 26-67, on column 7, and lines 31-56, on column 50; and a master controller remotely located with respect to the work machine and coupled to the work machine via a wireless data link, wherein the

master controller is configured to control the modules on lines 46-67, on column 5, lines 14-16, on column 8, lines 10-16, on column 14, and lines 30-56, on column 20.

7. As per claims 5, 6, 14, 18, and 21, Pruzan et al. disclose detecting that the first data link is incompatible with the second data link and translating the second message into a comparable message consistent with the first data link on lines 51-67, on column 11; generating, by the proxy logic element, a second message that is responsive to the first message and routing the second message to the source module via the first data link on lines 36-47, on column 6; comprising a second data link that interfaces the proxy logic element(79).

8. Several of the limitations include functional language that the invention of Pruzan et al. is capable of performing.

Response to Arguments

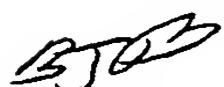
9. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-29 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

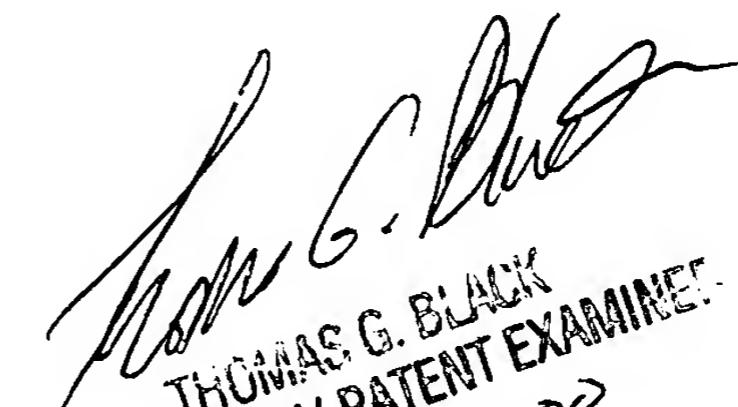
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian J. Broadhead whose telephone number is 703-308-9033. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black can be reached on 703-305-8233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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